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In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 3, 2003, and extended to June 3, 2003 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

In The Claims:

Claim 22(Currently Amended). A method for diagnosing or monitoring multiple sclerosis (MS) in a mammal

